



# Sovereign Grace Church

**January 28th, 2023**

We gather together  
Sunday mornings at 10 a.m. and  
Wednesday evenings at 7 p.m.

*Nursery available for 4 years old and younger*

*“Look unto Me, and be ye saved, all the ends of the  
earth: for I am God, and there is none else.”*

(Isaiah 45:22)

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*“For if ye forgive men their trespasses, your heavenly Father will also forgive you: But if ye forgive not men their trespasses, neither will your Father forgive your trespasses.”* (Matthew 6:14-15). We must not suppose from those expressions at the close of the LORD’S prayer, as if the condition of our forgiveness was suspended upon our forgiving of others. Our glorious Lord could not be supposed to mean this, because our pardon and acceptance with GOD is wholly on CHRIST’S account. But it is meant as a blessed evidence of grace. Paul, His servant, marks the feature of a renewed heart as a precious token of Jesus’ love reigning there; *be ye kind (saith he) one to another, tender-hearted, forgiving one another, even as God for CHRIST’S sake hath forgiven you* [Ephesians 4:32, AMEN!].— Robert Hawker

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## Welcome

SINNERS are welcome at Sovereign Grace Church. We are a local body of the Lord Jesus Christ. As you spend time with us, you’ll soon discover we’re an imperfect church, with an imperfect pastor, yet by God’s *undeserved* grace, we preach, believe, and know the perfect gospel of our never failing Lord Jesus Christ. Reader, we call His name Jesus for He shall (not might, not maybe) rather He shall save His people from their sins. And beloved believing sinner you already know it! You are *complete in Him*, saved to the *utmost* [Colossians 2:10, Hebrews 7:25].

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## Announcements

### Church Cleaning

Saturday morning, February 3rd at 9 a.m.

### Fellowship Luncheon

Sunday, February 4th, at Russo’s Pizzeria at Valley Ranch in New Caney

### Sovereign Grace Church, New Caney / Grace Conference

Elio Chay, Pastor of Seguidores de Cristo,  
Dzidzantun, Mexico

*Friday, February 23rd @ 7:30 pm,*

*Saturday, February 24th @ 11 am,*

*Sunday, February 25th @ 11 am*

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## Resources

VISIT our website for gospel articles, live messages, and resources.

## Grace Articles

### “I Can’t Mess It Up!”

*“...thanks be to God, which giveth us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.”*

(1 Corinthians 15:57)

A dear friend was talking about how blessed the gospel of Christ’s grace was. I can’t remember all the details we talked about. I suppose we talked about electing love and redeeming grace and how the LORD in tender mercy called us out of darkness with a call we could not resist, and has kept us till that very day, and refused to let us go. When saints get to talking about spiritual things they often talk about such subjects as these. When our discussion was almost over, my dear friend put the icing on the cake, as it were. “And one of the best things about this gospel,” he said, “I can’t mess it up!”.

Jesus has finished the work, it is already done, so, “I can’t mess it up”. My sins have already been punished and atoned for, so, “I can’t mess it up”. I am in Christ accepted and complete and sealed unto the day of redemption; in Christ now and in Christ forever so, “I can’t mess it up.” I feel like I have messed up everything else but, thanks be unto God, I can’t mess this up. It is un-messed-up-able. [AMEN!]

— Bruce Crabtree

### He Shall Not Fail!

*“He shall not fail nor be discouraged, till he have set judgment in the earth: and the isles shall wait for His law.”*

(Isaiah 42:4)

B ELOVED, “He has come to ‘bring them that sit in darkness out of the prison-house.’ You cannot see the bars that shut you in, nor even mark the limits of your narrow cell; but He has come who will give eyes to you, and light to those eyes, and liberty to your enlightened sight. Only trust Him. All things are possible to him that believeth when Christ is near. Thou knowest not, thou who art now at the bottom of the sea, how high He can lift thee in an instant! Out of the belly of hell, if thou wilt cry, He can lift thee in a moment, to the very heights of heaven. I say no more of my Lord than He deserves to have said of Him; nay, nor yet half as much. Try Him, and see if He will fail. Try Him now, thou in the worst and lowest of circumstances, thou devil-bound and devil-tortured spirit. Dare to believe that Jesus can do all things for thee. Leave thyself with Him. Go thy way, for as thou hast believed so shall it be unto thee. To the name of Him that will not fail nor be discouraged be glory for ever and ever! Amen.”

— Charles Spurgeon

## **“You stay right there”**

*“... though we, or an angel from heaven, preach any other gospel unto you than that which we have preached unto you, let him be accursed.”*

(Galatians 1:8)

**Y**OU know pastors are to be respected. Preachers are to be respected. And they'll be followed only as long as they follow Christ. When they cease to follow Christ, you cease following him. When they cease preaching the gospel, you cease listening to them, if they ever change their message. That's what Paul said. If a man preaches any other gospel that I've preached unto you, let him be accursed. I say again, now if I, or an angel from heaven, preach another gospel unto you, let him be accursed. If I bring another gospel, if I bring anything for you to do, if I tell you anything in the world for you to do other than to trust Christ, believe Christ, that Christ is all, that Christ is righteousness, that His obedience, His merit, [that] everything is in Him. If I bring you any other message than that, you say it's time for the preacher to go. Of course, [if I did that] it's time for me to go. Now I really believe that, with all my heart. Don't you? ...and that's the first thing you ask somebody when they start finding followers of preachers. Is he preaching the gospel? Is he preaching the gospel? If he's preaching the gospel, you stay right there. [AMEN!]

— Donnie Bell

*Excerpt from 'What is a carnal christian?' 1 Corinthians 3:1-9*

## **Wise Unto Salvation**

*“... the holy scriptures...are able to make thee wise unto salvation through faith which is in Christ Jesus.”* (2 Timothy 3:15)

**B**ELOVED, you have believed on Him who shall not fail—for He shall not lose any that the Father has given Him to save! Everything Christ does prospers! [Psalm 1:3].

Through the Gospel of Christ, God has opened to our view a conviction of our own depravity and sin, and has shown us our desperate need to come to His Son alone for salvation. Sinner, who else would you come to? *“Whom have I in heaven but thee? and there is none upon earth that I desire beside thee.”* (Psalm 73:25)

Beloved, it is He alone that has *all* power in heaven and in earth. In the Gospel of Christ, God makes us to see...that we must come to His Son, confessing *“... if you are willing, you can make me clean.”* (Matthew 8:2-3) Through the preaching of Christ, the Holy Spirit makes Christ to be our wisdom unto salvation; and that wisdom is trusting Him alone who has all power to save sinners; now that's wisdom! May God give us His grace in Christ, to do just that! [1 Timothy 1:15]. AMEN!

— JDM